(c) the steps taken by the Central Government to accord approval to these schemes; and

(d) by when these schemes are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Government of Madhya Pradesh had submitted a proposal for development of reservoir fisheries in the State with foreign assistance. The proposal included establishment of hatchery, rearing pond, fish seed farm, landing centres, communication systems, mechanised boats and fishermen's houses.

(c) and (d) The proposal of the State Government of Madhya Pradesh was posed for assistance to the European Economic Commission and they have informed that they are not in a position to consider the funding of the proposal. The State Government has been informed of the decision.

Technological Advancements/Improvisations made on bullock carts

5627. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are keeping a track on the technological advancements/improvisations made on bullock carts that has been the traditional backbone of rural economy;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are 13 million animal driven vehicles (ADVs) in the country contributing about 35,000 megawatts of energy to the national economy every year and saving a substantial sum on imports of petroleum products to keep the tractors working; and

(c) whether Government are extending loans to farmers to buy tractors upto Rs. 30,000/- whereas there is no assistance to farmers to buy improvised versions of bullock carts, costing around Rs. 8,000/- only?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per Indian Lovestock Census 1987, there are 1,43,50,400 Animal Carts in India out of which 1,40,85,700 are in rural areas and 2,62,700 in urban areas. Assuming one loaded animal cart requires 0.75 KW of power for its operation, the total animal power used in such operation (on limited studies) is about 10,760 MW. Further, assuming that average yearly animal cart use in rural area is 700 hours, the energy used per year is estimated as 7.53 × 106 MW hr. (28 Peta Joules).

Animal drawn vehicles and tractors are relevant and complementary in Indian Agricultural Sector.

(c) During the financial year 1992-93 and 1993-94, a scheme was sanctioned for providing subsidy to farmers and group of farmers having perennially irrigated land holding between 6—8 acres or equivalent for purchase of tractors of power below 18 PTO H.P.

Loan for farm mechanisation is provided by the commercial and cooperative banks. Assistance is given under IRDP for purchase of bullock cart for families of small farmer, marginal farmer as well as agricultural and non-agricultural labourers living below poverty line in rural areas. The assistance is in the form of subsidy by the Government and term-credit by the financial Institutions. The ceiling on subsidy is fixed at Rs. 4000/- to Rs. 6000/- per family depending on the category of beneficiary. There is no ceiling limit on bank credit.

घोड़े की नस्लें

5628. **श्री शिव प्रसाद चनपुरिया:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) भारत में किस-किस नस्ल के घोड़े उपलब्ध हैं;